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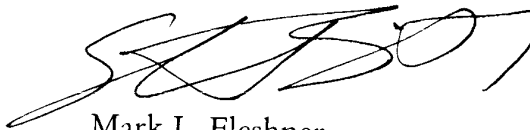
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--100. The method of claim 99, wherein the welded retarders are welded together using methylene chloride.--

--101. The method of claim 100, wherein a dope is formed of polycarbonate dissolved in methylene chloride.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-101 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 70-101 are added. Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

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